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Ed Wilson Spy Case

DAN RATHER: A new and potentially serious development has emerged concerning the gun-running former CIA agent, Edwin Wilson.

Robert Shackne has learned the development could also concern U.S. national security.

ROBERT SHACKNE: CBS News has learned that federal prosecutors are planning to seek the indictment of a retired Pentagon intelligence analyst for allegedly selling secret intelligence reports about Egypt, a U.S. ally, to arms smuggler Edwin Wilson. Wilson, then, allegedly passed on these reports to Libya.

This all took place at a time when Egypt and Libya were near war.

The suspect is Waldo H. Dubberstein, until last July the Pentagon intelligence officer who helped prepare classified intelligence summaries. Dubberstein, who lives in this apartment complex in Virginia, declined to meet with CBS News. He said on the advice of his lawyers he would make no comment.

These are the allegations: that from 1976 through 1978, during Anwar Sadat's presidency, Dubberstein turned over to a Wilson intermediary Pentagon intelligence estimates about Egyptian military readiness, Pentagon analysis of Egyptian politics, Pentagon reports on possible political instability in

Egypt, also that Dubberstein was paid 30 to 50 thousand dollars for these documents, and that the intermediary gave these documents to Wilson who, in turn, gave them to Libya.

CBS News has learned that prosecutors plan to charge Dubberstein with fraud, conspiracy, and the illegal transmission of national defense documents to unauthorized persons. Prosecutors are also considering, but haven't yet decided, whether to bring charges under a provision of the Espionage Law that prohibits the transmission of national defense information to a foreign power, a provision of law that carries a potential death penalty.

Robert Shackne, CBS News, Washington.